GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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Uniform Tax on Agricultural Products
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to impose uniform tax on agricultural products and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c): Central Excise duty is levied on excisable goods which are produced or manufactured in India. Customs duty is levied on import of agricultural goods. However, customs duty on agricultural goods is not uniform since the rates of duty on various agricultural goods are fixed depending on factors such as domestic production, demand, supply, price situation etc. with a view to balance the interests of domestic farmers and consumers.
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